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Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Explorers Host Open House Thursday, February 5th

As part of a campaign to recruit teens and young adults, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Explorer Unit will hold an open house at the MCSO Training Academy on **Thursday, February** 5th from 6-8pm.

Exploring is an internationally recognized program that exposes young people to a variety of careers. Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Explorers have an opportunity to learn about law enforcement and government.

Instructors are experts in their respective fields and most volunteer their time. Although the focus may vary from one unit to the next, the goal remains the same. The Explorer program gives young participants hands-on training in a controlled environment.

During the Open House, we'll have deputies highlighting resources we use. For example, we'll have equipment from the following areas: Explosive Ordinance Disposal, SWAT, Drug Unit, Patrol Division, Bike Unit, and K-9 unit.

Instructors also emphasize the importance of personal responsibility, leadership and dedication to the community. Many Explorers receive college scholarships, obtain internships and nationally recognized training. The Explorer program is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America.

The MCSO Explorer Unit was established in 1999 and dozens of students successfully completed our program. In fact, many participants are now respected law enforcement officers.

To join, applicants must be: 14-21 years of age, in high school or a high school graduate, applicants must complete a criminal background check and have an interest in law enforcement.

The event will be held at our Training Academy in Franklin $-9225 \text{ S. } 68^{\text{th}}$ Street.

For more information, go to our website and enter "Explorers" in the search box. Also feel free to call our Community Relations Manager, Kim Brooks at 414-278-5015.